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CLERK: LB 404. Mr. President, the bill is introduced by the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and signed by some of the members thereof. Read title. Mr. President, there are Committee amendments by Senator Schmit's Agriculture and Environment Committee.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the Standing Committee amendments. The Standing Committee amendments, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, will be amended in a minor manner by subsequent amendments but, basically, the amendments do this. They provide that the Natural Resource Districts shall do several things. First of all, they shall publish an itemized list of their expenses in a newspaper of general circulation, one or more newspapers of general circulation within the District as necessary to cover the District. Secondly, it provides that, in the event they do not do this, that the names of the Directors, the officers of the District, shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation and the cost to be paid by the District. The other amendment is that in the same instance that these same newspapers shall cover the District in a general manner. Those are the tanding Committee amendments and I move the adoption.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion? The question is, the adoption of the Committee amendments? Record your vote. Could we have some votes here? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The amendments are adopted. Senator Schmit.

CLERK: Now, Mr. President, there are two additional sets of amendments offered by Senator Schmit. The first one, I assume, is the long one.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I will take the first amendment which has been handed out to you. It brings into conform-
ance one of the amendments that the Standing Committee amendments provided that no contract with a Natural Resource District Director could exceed \$2,000. We bring it up to \$5,000. This brings it into compliance with other statutes. We also provide that a financial institution which is acting in a fiduciary capacity does not limit a Director from serving a Natural Resource District. We provide that the newspapers need to be only of general circualtion and that they need to cover the District. They do not specify the exact number of newspapers. We leave that up to the discretion of the Board and I move for the adoption of that amendment.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I wonder if Senator Schmit would go through that again. I am sorry.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Senator Murphy. The amendments to the Standing Committee amendments provide for these additions: On line 5 of the Standing Committee amendments, you change the two to five. It provides, therefore, that a Natural Resource Board member may hold a contract for \$5,000 rather than \$2,000 and still be a member of the